Development of primitive tribals of Andhra Pradesh

4152. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the primitive tribal groups in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have initiated any area specific schemes for welfare and development of these tribal groups;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) There are 12 tribes categorized as Primitive Tribal Groups in Andhra Pradesh. These are (1) Bodo Gadaba (2) Bondo Poraja (3) Chenchu (4) Dongria Khonds (5) Gutob Gadaba (6) Khond Poroja (7) Kolam (8) Kondareddis (9) Konda Savaras (10) Kuttiyakondhs (11) Parangiperja and (12) Thoti.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government during 2004-05 submitted an area specific project proposal of Rs. 1568.00 lakhs for three years for settlement to1417 landless Chenchu families of 53 villages in the Districts of Mahbubnagar, Prakasam, Guntur, Kurnool, Nalgonda and Ranga Reddy. The project aims at providing one acre of cultivable land to each landless family. The project cost is to be shared between the Centre and the State on 50:50 basis. The Ministry has sanctioned its 1st year's share towards 50% cost of the project and released Rs. 132.646 lakhs during 2004-05.

The Ministry has also sanctioned Rs. 25.00 lakhs to an organization, namely Centre for Environment Concerns, Burkatpura, Hyderabad for providing solar lighting to 500 Chenchu families in 20 settlements of two Mandals of Kollapur and Amarabad in Mahbubnagar district.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

4153. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns which have been covered under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of towns which have not yet been covered under this scheme, State-wise;